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FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, HU

SUBJ: CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS

REFS: A) BUDAPEST 0680 OF MARCH 22, 1974;  
B) BUDAPEST 3118 OF NOVEMBER 8, 1974

1. ON APRIL 23 EMBASSY RECEIVED FORMAL CONFIRMATION FROM GOH--ACCEPTING U.S. INTERPRETATION OF HILLENBRAND-NAGY 1971 AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER INTERNAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOR EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS APPLY EITHER TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BUDAPEST, FAMILY AND DRIVER, OR TO HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, FAMILY AND DRIVER (BUDAPEST A-53, MAY 29, 1975). NOW IT APPEARS TIMELY AND PROPITIOUS TO EFFECT GENERAL AND TOTAL ABOLITION OF TRAVEL AND EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS FOR OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

2. TO INTER THIS RELIC OF THE COLD WAR WILL REMOVE ANOTHER BIT OF DEBRIS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD OF YEARS PAST. TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AT THIS JUNCTURE TO DEPFONMIN NAGY'S NOVEMBER 8, 1974 INITIATIVE APPEARS TACTICALLY DESIRABLE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS: A) THE U.S. REPLY ON 1974 GOLD COIN IMPORTS (STATE 127938) HAS HIT THE MAGYAR IN THE WALLET WHERE IT HURTS; B) NAGY IS APPARENTLY BEING HELPFUL ON MESTERHAZY (BUDAPEST 1483 AND BUDAPEST 1631),--AND EVEN SEEMINGLY FLIRTATIOUS WITH RESPECT TO KADAR (BUDAPEST 1632);

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AND C) ESZTERGALYOS HAS JUST BEGUN HIS DISCOVERY OF THE

NEW WORLD. SO IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WHERE I SIT TO BE RIGHT  
AND PROPER TO GIVE THE HUNGARIANS A "NO COST/LOW COST"  
BENEFIT BY ANNULING THE ANTIQUATED RESTRICTIONS WHICH  
SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE IN 1975 AND THEN ALLOWING THAT DECISION TO  
BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

3. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, I WOULD PROPOSE TO VISIT  
NAGY THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, REFER TO HIS NOVEMBER 8, 1974  
CONVERSATION WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN WHEN HE PROPOSED  
TO ELIMINATE ALL CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS (BUDAPEST 3118)  
AND ASK WHETHER GOH STILL ADHERES TO THAT POLICY PROPOSAL.  
IF NAGY REAFFIRMS GOH POSITION, I SHALL PROPOSE TO EXCHANGE  
NOTES ON THE SPOT AND TO AGREE RIGHT THEN AND THERE ON THE TEXT  
AND TIMING OF A SIMULTANEOUS PRESS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON AND  
BUDAPEST IF ON OTHER HAND NAGY EXPRESSES HESITATION OR NEED FOR  
TIME TO COORDINATE MATTERS WITHIN THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT,  
I WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY THAT I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION THE  
TEXT OF A NOTE AND THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE AND THAT  
I SHALL BE PLEASED TO RETURN TO HIS OFFICE AND CONFER WITH  
HIM AT LATER DATE WHEN GOH HAS MADE UP IT MIND. MEANWHILE I WOULD,  
OF COURSE, REPORT THE FONOFF INDECISION TO MY AUTHORITIES.

4. IF YOU CONCUR WITH PROPOSAL AND TIMING, WE SUGGEST  
FOLLOWING AS DRAFT TEXT:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND HAS THE  
HONOR TO REFER TO THE CONVERSATIONS OF MARCH 22, 1974  
AND NOVEMBER 8, 1974 BETWEEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY  
AND FORMER AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN REGARDING ABOLITION OF  
CLOSED AREAS AND RESTRICTED EXIT/ENTRY POINTS IN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED TO ELIMINATE  
WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ALL CLOSED AREA AND ENTRY POINT  
RESTRICTIONS NOW APPLYING TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OF  
THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE HUNGARIAN  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN RETURN FOR A RECIPROCAL ELIMINATION OF  
ALL CLOSED AREA AND EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS APPLYING  
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TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
ACCREDITED TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND TO  
OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND THE NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WITH THE SAME CONTENT  
AND CONTAINING THE APPROVAL OF THE HUNGARIAN SIDE SHALL  
CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL ELIMINATION OF CLOSED AREA

AND EXIT/ENTRY RESTRICTIONS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. THE AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE THESE RESTRICTIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A NOTE IN THE ABOVE SENSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

5. WE FURTHER SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON AND BUDAPEST ON THE DAY THE AGREEMENT TAKES EFFECT:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TODAY AGREED TO END A SERIES OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO DIPLOMATS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF EACH COUNTRY. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DECIDED TO ELIMINATE CLOSED ZONES AND ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS, WHICH FOR MANY YEARS HAVE LIMITED THE MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN HUNGARY AND HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY TO NORMALIZE THEIR RELATIONS. END QUOTE

6. ACTION REQUESTED: I SHOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS.  
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